

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Ibrahim Abdulhalim et al.		
Title:	Periodic Patterns And Technique To Control Misalignment Between Two Layers		
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Examiner:	Lauchman, Layla G.	Group Art Unit:	2877
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 17, 2008, setting a shortened statutory period for response to expire April 17, 2008. A petition for an extension of time with accompanying fee is being filed herewith to extend the response period to June 17, 2008.

Claim Amendments are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

Reconsideration is kindly requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.